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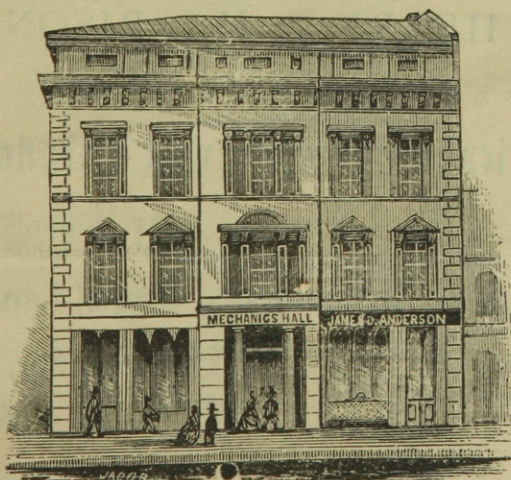
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

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## DIED—A HERO.

They say the day of chivalry is past,  
And but its mantle clothes the present age;  
That foes be not so fierce nor friends so fast  
As once, when war was manhood's heritage.

They say that with the lance and hammer'd helm  
Has passed away the dauntless flush of youth,  
And that the sneers of fashion overwhelm  
The little left of earnestness and truth.

But there survives within the modern soul  
A courage high as that of Uther's son,  
And many an ocean heart's full tide-waves roll  
As grandly yet as those of knights have done.

Out of an alien land the western breeze  
Comes ringing, with a tale to warm our veins,  
Of one of those whom Azrael sometimes frees  
To teach the world the greatness it retains.

At noon, in Northfield, everything was still;  
The busy bustle of a prairie town  
Had calmed itself awhile against its will,  
And people to their meal had settled down.

The bank was open, but the listless wind  
Bore in a sound of hurried steps no more;  
Two clerks were chatting leisurely behind  
The counter, and no tradesman stood before.

So thus sat Haywood with another there,  
When, suddenly a sound alarmed the street—  
A sound as of fast freebooters that swear,  
Of shots and shouts, of hoofs and running feet.

And straightway, too, before the very door,  
Those desperadoes stopped in full career;  
And three sprang fiercely in, across the floor,  
While Haywood's friend fled through a portal near.

On Haywood, then, the thieves seized angrily,  
And held their bright revolvers at his head;  
"The secret of the safe?" they cried, all three,  
"The combination? Quick, or you are dead!"

Surprised at first, yet quiet in his mien,  
He saw it profitless to fight or fly;  
The burglars raved, their steel arms glittered clean,  
But stolidly he set his face to die.

No word he spoke; but visions met his gaze  
Of mother and his native northern land,  
While youthful years and earlier childish days  
Rose up, as at a mighty spell's demand.

And then he saw his dear, sweet children, rise;  
And lastly, too, his dearer, sweeter wife;  
Yet, though this agony burned in his eyes,  
He still set honor higher than his life.

And all this time the fury of the three  
Grew hotter, and their oaths came loud and fast;  
They stormed, they shook him, but his soul was free,  
And that, at least, kept steady to the last.

The town was roused. Again a sound was heard  
Of shots and shouts, of hoofs and running feet;  
But now the whole community was stirred,  
And poured pursuers on an echoing street.

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"Christ help us, friends! was that a pistol shot?"  
And be those murderers that just now fled?  
And is this Haywood here, or is it not,  
Who lies so still, for trust and honor dead?"

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Is this not nobler than the warlike deeds  
Of those that for a worthless glory fought?  
Is such ambition less than that which feeds  
Upon the ruin that an arm has wrought?

Canadians! he was one of you; a youth  
Born in a land of snow and honest men;  
And many like him walk your soil, forsooth,  
And many like him shall ye know again.

## THE SUN-GOD.

Baldur was the youngest of Scandinavian deities, and his story the most beautiful of Northern myths. Odin his sire, is the great, mysterious All-Father, that Gothic Jove, who was so far above the Olympian in much of his character. His wife, Freyja, Baldur's mother, was the ideal type of a grand, lovely goddess, golden haired and blue-eyed. She was entrusted with the secrets of the future, a knowledge entailing vast anxiety on even a divine mind. At any rate, when her youngest son was born, she grew restless, and in spite of the reigning joy, could hardly raise a smile, till finally, to satisfy herself, she journeyed through all the earth, exacting a promise from everything, never to aid in harming her boy. A ready response was given; rock, river, tree, shrub, man, and all the animals returned glad answers, for they loved the splendid being who even now drew hearts to himself. At last, her duty almost done, Freyja turned towards Asgard, city of gods, and came to the wood near it. Here she enlisted the straight ash, swaying linden and calm, gnarled oak, but just as she turned from the latter, her eye caught the thick-leaved mistletoe clinging to a bough. But her feet were weary, her home was near, and she went away with the thought, "It is not worth the trouble." Just as she was turning, a shadow glided from behind her, and disappeared in the gloom, while she herself made straight for Asgard and told her story to the other divinities.

Years passed by, each adding grace to Baldur's form, and geniality to his heart, till in process of time, an event occurred



which was destined to darken every memory. It was his natal day, and the gods gathered to honor their favorite companion with music and games, one of the latter being to set Baldur as a mark for stones and arrows, which dropped harmless to the ground. Now Loki, the Scandinavian Satan, hated this glad youth, who always spoiled the quarrels which the former himself delighted to make. He envied his popularity; he determined his ruin. No sooner then did he see the kind of sport on the *tapis*, than he hurried off to the forest, and cut a long stem of mistletoe, remarkably straight for that plant. This he had long ago selected and watched in growth, and as he carried it home, he trimmed and shaped it with care, cutting off a knot, smoothing a corner and sharpening the top to a fine point. In this manner he reached the city, and looked on at the game, where every god seemed in the highest spirits. One only was sad; one only stood apart. Hodur was blind. His history was such a string of misfortunes, that even the gods never whispered the dreadful blunders he had made. Here then was Loki's chance. Stepping up to him, he called out cheerily, "Why, O Hodur, drawest thou no bow at Baldur's feast?" "Alas!" was the reply, "thou knowest I cannot see." "Take then my bow," said the wily one, "and I will direct thine arm, that thou mayst not be comfortless, in the midst of joy." One moment more and Baldur's heart was pierced.

How great was the confusion, how boundless the grief, when those laughing deities saw the arrow in his breast, his lips so bloodless, and his face so deadly white; but immediate steps were taken to restore him, and Hermode the messenger was despatched on Odin's steed, to the regions of Hela, their female Pluto. Dashing over a golden bridge and past the door-keeping maiden, he hastens into the mouth of Hades, where he overtakes Baldur himself, and the dead one says that if all things weep for him, his return is possible. Freyja, on hearing this, sends envoys over the earth, and everything drops its tear—everything but an old hag found spinning in a cave. Her name is Thök, and she persistently hums a refusal, to the whirr of her wheel.

Long waited the messenger, long he entreated, but Fhök was Loki in disguise and consequently inexorable, so a return had at last to be made to Asgard. Baldur's body was taken on board his own ship; this was launched, and they were about to light it, when Nanna, his wife, sprang on board declaring that she would join her dear one in death. Solemnly the torch was applied, slowly the vessel drifted off, and as the flames died over the horizon, the whole assembly broke up with a sense of doom.

This name, Baldur, is etymologically, as well as mythically, connected with A-pol-lo and our Biblical Baal, but the Greek deity alone approaches the gothic in grandeur. From the imperfect story above, you can have no conception of the brilliant, pure Sun-god, so altogether admirable, so entirely sweet. Phœbus, it is true, has characteristics that make him the noblest of Hellenic ideals, but these, even to a partial reader, must grow dim before the greatness of Odin's son.

A HOPELESS BALANCE.—Horace Greeley used to tell this story:—He once sent a claim for collection to a Western lawyer, and, regarding it as rather a dubious debt, told the attorney if he collected it he might reserve half the amount for a fee. In due time Mr. Greeley received the following laconic epistle: "Dear Sir, I have succeeded in collecting my half of that claim. The balance is hopeless."

THOMAS FULLER, the quaint old English divine, has inscribed over his dust, in Westminster Abbey, "Here lies Fuller's earth!"

## HEALTH.

The plea of ill health having been urged to one of our Professors, not long since, he remarked, rather facetiously, that "illness and idleness were one and the same thing," no allowance being made for either." Such being the case, no student can afford to be sick during the College Session, and all must therefore endeavour to maintain the even balance of health. Those who desire to reach that state of greater health which we call strength, do so, we have often observed, at the expense of their college duties; we do not hold this to be absolutely true, but that such is frequently the case is undeniable. However, to the hard-working student, a few words with regard to the preservation of health may not be amiss. In the first place, then, comes *exercise*, about which so much has already been said and written, that a very few words from us will suffice. Health depends on the harmonious action of all the faculties and functions, the disuse of any of which causes loss in the tissue peculiar to that function. For example, disuse of the intellectual faculties produces an appreciable diminution and softening of the brain matter; the same thing happens to the muscles when not exercised. Walking, whether combined with gymnastic exercises or not, will ever be found to be very beneficial. The late Georges Sand (Madame Dudevant) was a great walker; Macaulay was rarely off his feet, indoors or out; his biographer says, "The only exercise in which he can be said to have excelled was that of threading crowded streets with his eyes fixed upon a book." The next point, though by some it may be considered vulgar, is still one of great importance,—viz., *eating and drinking*. Food, as is generally known and acknowledged, should be plain and substantial; for cerebral and sanguineous purposes nothing can be better than good oatmeal porridge. Some one may remark that this savours of the Scotchman, but, however that may be, we heartily agree with him in having a high opinion of oatmeal, and in this respect we practice what we preach; not that we wish to have it understood that we, as the witty Sidney Smith used to say of poor Scotch students, "study the arts and sciences on oatmeal," but we have always regarded and used it as a beneficial article of diet. Food, then, should be plain, substantial and nourishing; meals should be taken at regular hours, and with due deliberation and cheerfulness, since no habit is more pernicious than that of bolting food; eager students, too, will even read while at their meals, the result being that both brain and stomach are enfeebled. The evil effects of close rooms and bad ventilation must be well known to our readers. Bad air can never make good blood, nor impure blood healthy bodies. We would, therefore, advise students to throw open their windows whenever they go out, and if the window be so situated as not to send a draught directly across the sleeper, let it by all means be left partially open during the night. Students, too, are great sinners in regard to sleep; of the beneficial effects of the "early to bed and early to rise" system we can say nothing from experience, but should suppose it to be a healthy practice, when it can be carried out in a natural and easy way. Nothing can be more healthful and stimulating than a cold bath of a morning, when judiciously made use of; if used injudiciously it may become the source of great and serious harm. Let it be then borne in mind by all, that the *mens sana*, though greatly to be desired, is, without the *corpus sanum* to sustain it, worse than useless.

Student (translating a disputed passage in "Isocrates.")—"My editor says this is an emendation."  
Prof.—"Oh! no matter; 'tis *impossible to say*."



## GLEE CLUB.

Scarcely at 9 a.m. this morning, had we risen from our frugal Editorial roll and coffee, (*sans sucre, sans lait*) when we hailed with satisfaction the announcement now appearing in our columns, that this club had resumed its weekly meetings. Although from various reasons, several of last year's members have left, their places have been eagerly supplied by our younger colleagues of the junior year, together with those of our seniors who could have wished, but were unable last session, to help an institution worthy in every way of College support. Dr. Harrington, to whom the club owes so much, has been re-elected President, and Mr. Houghton, Conductor: and we have no doubt that in Messrs. A. Taylor, B.A., and C. Lyman, the club will find respectively a diligent Secretary-Treasurer and a kenning Business Manager. The club meets for practice punctually at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evenings, alternately at Dr. Harrington's and the Secretary's (Mr. Taylor), until further notice.

The zeal with which the objects of this club have been supported, shew that to a certain extent, a want among us has been supplied; the want felt by the hard-working student of some kind of relaxation, which, not offending his mental capacities by puerility on the one hand, or labouriousness on the other, nevertheless brings them into play. And this leads us on to the question, "Why should not we at McGill, make a more serious study of this Art, and have, as in other large Universities, a "Musical Chair?" Education is not the qualifying a man to pounce with greater dexterity upon his client, or enabling him to drive a harder bargain upon the Stock Exchange; but the means whereby (as our childhood's copy books say, roundhand), he may "shun vice, follow right," so that by gazing on a fine picture, or listening to a noble symphony, he is a better man, in a word, having less love of evil in his nature, and more of what is good. Now Mother McGill has spread a splendid board, whereon are placed before us in rich profusion, Classical, Mathematical, and English dishes, with "sauce à la Française," but where the musical dish, which is to the feast the good wine or cham—[under the present social pressure, we feel compelled to say, though with a consciousness of irreverence we scarce know why, ginger ale and lemonade] is totally wanting. Minerva forgive us! Too true it is that the voice of Art is silent in our halls. We may only hope that this silence is the silent agony of a great birth, McGill giving to the world her Milton and Bulwer, her Raphael and Turner, her Bishops, Moderators of Synods, Judges, Lawyers, Statesmen, but, alas! if Apollo woos her not,—how her Beethoven, her Mozart?

## APPLIED SCIENCE.

We are glad to see that the number of students in Applied Science is increasing. Such a remark may be premature, because the Christmas examinations have generally proved somewhat unfriendly to the Freshmen, thinning their numbers considerably. This year, however, they seem to be pretty well up, and we hope they will pass their examinations *en masse*. Dr. Dawson lately announced that the Faculty had secured the services of Mr. Harris, as Professor of Engineering; and that Mr. McLeod, in addition to his former duties, would deliver the lectures in Surveying. This arrangement will certainly prove satisfactory to the students.

We hope that the McGill Association of Engineers will be resolutely supported by the Science students. If the graduates

give help and encouragement, it may form the nucleus of an important and useful institution. It was organized so late in the session of 1875-6 that its founders were unable to give proper care to its organization; but Mr. McLeod, who has taken a deep interest in the Society all along, has called a meeting of graduates to consider how it can best be placed upon a firm and useful basis. The annual meeting will be held in the second week in November, when officers for the coming year will be elected, and the alterations [if any] in the constitution be effected. One noteworthy feature in the organization of the society, was the energy with which the Science students took it up, every student but one joining and attending the meetings. Read and ponder, ye indolent men of Arts.

## BOOK NOTICES.

HAMERTON'S INTELLECTUAL LIFE—This excellent work, which made its appearance some time ago, is perhaps one of the most sensible, and at the same time most likely to be beneficial to students of any that we are acquainted with. Its range is too widely extended for us to attempt more than a very brief outline of it. Written in the form of letters, and in an easy, almost conversational style, it is peculiarly agreeable to both student and general reader. With regard to the section devoted to the subject of education, which ought to interest students, let us say a few words. In it the principle of an early choice of a specialty is brought forward; this, of course, is all very well when a person early shows a marked talent in any particular direction, but among the great majority this is far from being the case; in this respect, as in many others, the true course will be found to be the medium between smattering on the one hand and extreme specializing on the other. Mr. Hamerton objects to all mnemonic contrivances, and makes the assertion that the rational art of memory is that in use in the natural sciences; in this too he has overlooked the fact that there are great dissimilarities in different mental organisms, so that what may to one mind be extremely pernicious, may to another be found to be pre-eminently useful. The remarks on the "Power of Time" are full of sound, practical wisdom. In the section on "Women and Marriage" the necessity for the higher education of women is well brought out. Altogether there is no book that we can more confidently recommend to students than this, for, whatever be its demerits, it will at least furnish matter for thought and inquiry which much of the ordinary college education of the present day fails signally to do.

With regard to Daniel Deronda and Trevelyan's Macaulay, we are of the opinion that enough has already been said and written. A few words about George Eliot herself may not be amiss here. George Eliot is the *nom de plume* of Mrs. George H. Lewes, who was before her marriage a Miss Evans, when she gained much of her reputation as a novelist. She was the daughter of a poor country clergyman, and was adopted when quite young by a wealthy gentleman of the vicinity. She was a hard student, and at one time had for tutor the distinguished Herbert Spencer. Her first work was "Scenes from Clerical Life," which received great praise from Thackeray. She is now over fifty years of age, and is said to be very plain, having a rather long and serious face. She did not marry till somewhat late in life. Her husband (Professor Lewes) is also noted as a writer, among the number of his productions being a "History of Philosophy" and an excellent Life of Goethe.

*Governors*  
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In making our re-appearance, which though late, will, it is hoped, be welcome, we do so with very fair expectations, combined with unlimited good intentions. We are well aware with what material a certain place is said to be paved, but, to the logical mind, "good intentions" at once divide themselves into two classes, viz., those, which by being faithfully carried out, become successful achievements, and those, which not having served their purpose here, become substitutes for pavement in that warmer clime where asphalt and the like are obviously out of the question. To the former of these classes we naturally desire ours should belong, and, knowing that success is to be reached only by hard work and perseverance, we are fully prepared to purchase it at that price. The previous history of THE GAZETTE is so varied, and probably so well known to most of our readers, that we shall simply refer to it here: the first volume, though promising well, unfortunately died in its infancy; the effort made to revive it last year was anything but a success, owing to the proverbial lack of enthusiasm and support on the part of the students. We are this year endeavouring, by selecting editors from the different faculties, and thus arousing a more general interest, to establish THE GAZETTE as a College institution. The success of this part of our project depends wholly upon the students themselves. Not only do we look to them for pecuniary support, but also for contributions of good and suitable literary matter; and we hope, by publishing nothing but really good matter, to give intending contributors some idea of what is wanted, both as regards a proper choice of subjects, and the most suitable style of writing; and to the younger students we would say, "Do not be discouraged if your first attempts, instead of making the illustrious appearance expected of them, should be met with the cold 'respectfully declined,' accompanied, perhaps, with a few remarks about grammar, style, &c." With regard to the purposes of a College paper, we may here make a few remarks. In the first place, it is one of the things by which a college is judged; a good paper shows that there is some talent in the college, and that there is also a spirit of loyalty to *Alma Mater*, which will devote precious

time, and still more precious money to such a risky and formidable undertaking. A paper also serves to bind the students together, to promote among them the aforesaid spirit of loyalty, and by its circulation over the country (very small 'tis true) to promote a general interest in the college; our columns, too, being open for the discussion of college matters, afford scope for the ventilation of all grievances, reforms, &c. We wish, above all, to have it known and felt that the unanimous support of the students is the *sine quâ non* of our success, and that it will be liberally bestowed we are too sanguine to doubt.

THE term "walking the hospital," has long been applied to the clinical portion of our medical studies; but to judge from the way in which many of our fellow-students walk through the wards of our hospital, they seem to take it in its most literal sense. It must be annoying to the visiting physician, (and in fact, shows disrespect to him, and bad taste in themselves), to have students leaving a ward before the visit is completed, and to such we would say—"Try and find some fitter opportunity for leaving than when the physician or any one else is making an examination of a patient, in which the sense of hearing requires to be particularly concentrated." One little word (which, we hope, will be taken good-naturedly) to those unfortunates who use tobacco as an article of diet, that is, if they *expect to rate* as gentlemen, they should not *expectorate* on the floor. We are certain that not one of these "gentlemen" who use the weed in our wards would do so if called to see a private patient; and as speech is the index of the mind, why may not the manners of the present medical student indicate those of the coming "Dr."

DURING our summer vacation the Governors have built an addition to the main building, thereby providing a large well-fitted reading-room, far more convenient than the old one in the Molson wing. Such an acquisition was formerly much needed, not only for the usual purposes, but as a place where meetings could be held at all hours, without disturbing either professors or their classes. Students, like other people, feel much more comfortable in a place they can call their own than in a deserted class-room, with professional strictures ringing in their ears, and perhaps, only a partition wall to keep their laughter and applause from diverting the attention of another class. So much for its superiority as an assembly room. In its strict character, it is immeasurably above the small, cold chamber to which, in winter, many a student ran shivering through the snow, or if allowed to pass by the Museum, found himself tumbling down the steps into Professor Markgraf's domains. Worst of all, when he picked himself up, he was sure to receive a sad, indignant



lecture (gratis) from that tenant of our Teutonic Chair. This, if it left him time to read, took all the pleasure out of literature, and as he ran back, against the wind, he invariably registered a vow never to return. All this has been relegated to the past, and we hope that Freshman, Junior and Soph, will join us in congratulation.

WE would call the attention of our readers to the advertisements on our cover, and ask the support of University men for those who patronize their institutions. Great care has, for the most part, been taken in obtaining the advertisements of those who sell College specialties, many of them offering discounted rates to students. His instinct of organization ought to prompt every true McGill man to stand by whatever is connected with the College and whoever helps to sustain it. What we need to give us influence is a resolute determination to act as a body for the interests of Alma Mater. This alone is what constitutes *esprit de corps*.

### FOOTBALL.

The University Football Club is getting its name up. It now possesses a team strong enough to face any fifteen in Canada, without fear of being too easily defeated; and the prospect for next year is still brighter, as only two or three of the present members are expecting to leave, and the remainder will be a year advanced in strength and skill.

Of the two outside matches played this fall, our men were decidedly the strongest in the first one, that against the Britannias, although our team was comparatively weak; and a game would probably have been taken, but time was called just as the ball was placed for a kick at goals. Capt. Robertson has appealed to the Canadian Football Association, against the ruling of the umpires on this occasion.

Although the second match, "Town vs. Gown" was a draw, what slight advantage there was belonged to us. It was one of the closest and best contested matches which has been played in Montreal for some time, the tackling and checking on both sides being magnificent. No remarkable individual play was shown on either side, excepting perhaps, two or three good runs by Irwin, of the Town, towards the end of the match. As usual McGill was unable to bring its best fifteen on the ground; we don't suppose it ever will accomplish such a feat. Evans could not play; Fleet was forbidden to on account of some injury to his leg, and McDougall, formerly one of our best players, does not seem inclined to trouble himself much about football this year.

The practice on the College grounds was well attended every day, until Gymnasium and wet weather combined, interrupted it. The regular practice days now are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and we hope that members of the Club will be present on these days sharp at 4 o'clock.

A good match was played on Thursday, October 12th, between the fourth and first, and the third and second years. When the ball was kicked off, there were but ten men present on the latter side, and three of these, Taylor, Rogers and

Torrance left in a few minutes, to attend a meeting at the college; only seven heroes remaining to uphold the honor of the middle years, against fifteen seniors and freshman. The seven however, maintained the struggle gallantly until reinforced by fresh arrivals, and the return of the triumvirate. The best play shown during the match, was by Robertson of the seniors, who followed the ball untiringly. The second and third years were victorious by a goal, (well kicked by E. T. Taylor), two or three touch downs, and several *rouges*. The other side got a few *rouges* in the beginning of the game, and Robertson secured a touch later on, but the kick was a failure.

The General Committee of the Club had determined to challenge Trinity College, Toronto, for Saturday, October 14th, but were compelled to give up the idea of playing—on that day at least—for various reasons, the chief being that the Lacrosse match for the championship of the world was to be played on that day, at Toronto. The Secretary, however, was instructed to write to Trinity, and see what could be done about a match later on in the fall. We hope that the matter will be satisfactorily arranged.

### THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Fine weather was probably never more desired than on Tuesday, the 24th ult., the occasion of our annual sports, and many were disappointed by the dark clouds of early morning, but towards eleven o'clock, a.m., the clouds began to give place to blue sky, and the cheering sunlight soon dispelled all doubts.

#### MORNING.

The games commenced in the morning at half-past ten o'clock, the first event on the programme being Kicking the Foot Ball, which was won by J. McDougall, who made a good kick of 155 yards, R. Foster and P. Ross also making good kicks of 152 and 151 yards respectively. Next followed the Broad Jump, won by Howie, who made 11 feet 6 inches, closely followed by J. A. Lane's 11 feet 3 inches. The third event was Putting the Weight (16 lbs.); for this there were several entries, and altogether some very good throwing. McKenzie putting it 30 feet 5 inches, and E. T. Taylor 30 feet. The Running Hop, Step and Jump, which came next, was won by J. B. Carman, whose best was 41 feet 8 inches, the next (McDougall's) being 38 feet 8 inches. The Running High Jump was started at 4 feet 6 inches, that ancient veteran, C. E. Amaron, being worsted at last. The winner was H. O'Heir, who surpassed Amaron's 5 feet by one inch. (*Later*—H. O'Heir has been disqualified, not being an Undergraduate.) Throwing the Cricket Ball came next on the programme, with four entries—Abbot, McDougall, McKenzie and Jones. The winner (McDougall) threw 93 yards, and Jones 90. The last of the morning's proceedings was the Standing High Jump, for which there were three entries—Howie, Lane and O'Heir. The two last stopped at 4 feet 8 inches; Howie, however, kept on, and made a good 5 feet, being loudly applauded, in consequence, by the boys.



## AFTERNOON.

Nothing could have been finer than the state of the weather during this latter part of the Sports; the sky was clear, the ground dry, and the campus thronged with the élite of Montreal. In fact, we have never seen this gathering pass off in a more satisfactory manner. The scene was varied; on all sides a gay crowd surrounded the arena, in which were collected a mingled assemblage of judges, reporters, and heroes in trunks and tights. The first Race, (one mile), was won by C. Scriver, in 5 minutes 35½ seconds, R. Foster second—time 5 minutes 55 seconds. Next came the Hurdle Race, (150 yards), won by R. B. Rogers in 19 1-5th seconds, closely followed by C. E. Amaron, 20 1-5. The Three-legged Race was won by Carman and Carman, second, J. and C. Scriver. A. D. Taylor, B.A. was successful in the Half Mile, time, 2 minutes 27 seconds, Abbott making such a good second, that his time was reckoned the same. The Hundred Yards (heats) was won by R. B. Rogers, who made the same time, 10 2-5th seconds, in both heats. The Wheelbarrow Race was probably the most amusing part of the afternoon's proceedings; nine started, all blindfolded, and the subsequent confusion may be more easily imagined than described; it was well won by R. Foster (time of no consequence). The Race of the day was the Quarter Mile Championship, Rogers winning in 1 minute 05 seconds. The Walking Race also partook of an amusing character; the strenuous efforts of McEvenue took him to the front in the first quarter, and he nobly retained his advantage, winning in 9 minutes 28 4-5th seconds. Taylor and Prendergast came in almost ties; the second prize, however, was awarded to the former. For the Steeplechase there were four entries; the centre of attraction was of course the 13 foot ditch, in which two of the competitors underwent a species of involuntary baptism, much to the delight of the omnipresent "small boy." It was at last won by Lorne Campbell, (time unknown). All now adjourned to the William Molson Hall, where the prizes were distributed to the fortunate disciples of Hercules, by Mrs. Day and the proceedings were closed by a few well chosen remarks from Dr. Dawson.

## LIST OF PRIZES.

## KICKING THE FOOTBALL.

Silver Medal, presented by Montreal Football Club.

## STANDING BROAD JUMP.

1st.—Cuff Buttons.

2nd.—Pencil Case.

## PUTTING WEIGHT.

Marine Glass.

## RUNNING HOP, STEP AND JUMP.

Pencil Case.

## RUNNING HIGH JUMP.

1st.—Scarf Pin.

2nd.—Match Stand.

## STANDING HIGH JUMP.

Locket.

## THROWING CRICKET BALL.

Silver Cup.

## MILE RACE.

1st.—Gold Medal.

2nd.—Silver Cup.

## HURDLE RACE.

1st.—Game Box.

2nd.—Dressing Case.

## THREE-LEGGED RACE.

Napkin Rings.

## HALF-MILE.

Col. Bond's Prize.

## ONE HUNDRED YARDS

1st.—Writing Case.

2nd.—Bronze Statuettes.

## WHEELBARROW RACE

Set of Studs.

## QUARTER MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Governors' Cup.

## WALKING RACE.

1st.—Ring.

2nd.—Cane.

## STEEPLE CHASE.

1st.—Ink Stand.

2nd.—Cigar Case.

Great praise is due to the Managing Committee, for the able manner in which they performed their duties throughout. It is seldom that committee-men have so thoroughly disarmed that fault-finding phalanx, who, themselves quite useless, are nevertheless adepts in picking holes in the achievements of others.

## FOOT-BALL CHALLENGE.

As we go to press, we learn that the following intimation has been received by Mr. P. Ross:—

CAMBRIDGE, 23rd October, 1876.

Secretary of McGill Foot Ball Club,

DEAR SIR,

The Harvard Foot-Ball Club hereby challenge the McGill Foot-Ball Club to a match game, to be played in Boston, November 15th or 18th; the game to be played under Rugby Union rules, with fifteen men on a side.

(Signed,) W. E. RUSSELL,

69 Sparks Street.

Sec. H. U. F. B. C.

Although there is little likelihood of the above being accepted this fall, yet we hope to see arrangements made for a match next spring.

A CERTAIN Dr. Walker had won reputation from a work on the Greek particles, the name applied to the adverbs and conjunctions of that language. The word also means grains of dust, so the doctor ordered for his epitaph these words, "Here lies Walker's particles."

A WOULD-BE SWELL, wishing for an excuse to speak to a beautiful lady in the street with whom he was unacquainted, drew his nice white cambric handkerchief from his pocket as he approached her, and inquired if she had not dropped it. The lady glanced at the handkerchief, nodded assent, took it, thanked him, and marched on, leaving the exquisite to be laughed at by his companions.

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open  
on Wednesday



## GRADUATES ASSOCIATION.

The formation of this society ought to be hailed by all our readers with sincere delight, as giving promise of good things to come, amongst the first of which is the re-establishment of the Founder's Festival, which has been unfortunately allowed to drop for four years, the last one being held in the fall of 1871. They purpose founding medals, scholarships and prizes in the different faculties, which, we are sure, will be greatly appreciated by the Undergraduates. The following is the substance of a circular issued to Alumni, dated 15th July, 1876:—

At a meeting of the Graduates of McGill University, held May 15, 1876, to consider the formation of a Graduates Society, it was resolved:

"That a Committee be appointed to draw up a report relative to the formation of a Graduates Association for this University, in which the Committee shall, after consideration of the various matters to which such Association may devote its attention, recommend a draft constitution and set of by-laws, said report to be submitted to a future meeting, to be called by circular addressed to all Graduates whose addresses can be obtained."

The following were appointed a Committee: Dr. Kelly, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Hall, Dr. Osler, and the Chairman, (Mr. McLaren.)

At a meeting of the Graduates of McGill University, held Friday, June 9th, 1876, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed to consider the organization of a Graduates Association. The following Constitution was adopted after discussion:—

"1. This Society shall be known as the Graduates' Society of McGill University.

"2. It shall be composed of all Graduates who shall pay an annual subscription of one dollar.

"3. The object of the Society shall be to bind the Graduates more closely to each other, and to their Alma Mater; and to afford them the means, by united effort, of more effectually promoting the interests of the University.

"4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and six Councillors, who shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting, and shall form the executive of the Society.

"5. The annual meeting shall be held on the evening preceding the Arts convocation.

"6. The general meetings of the Society may be called by the Secretary on the requisition of the President, or any three members of the Executive Committee, or any ten members of the Society.

"7. Fifteen shall form a quorum of the Society and five a quorum of the Executive Committee.

"8. The constitution cannot be amended except by a two-thirds vote at an annual meeting."

The usual by-laws and rules of order were also submitted and received.

The Committee, having taken into consideration the working of the Society and the most effectual means by which its objects might be attained, made the following recommendations which were agreed to.

1st. That under the auspices of the Society, an entertainment commemorative of its founder be held each year at a

date as near as may be found convenient to the anniversary of his birth; to which the friends of the University shall be invited.

2nd. That with a view to giving members the opportunity of discussing University topics in a social manner, a dinner be held annually on or about the date of the Arts convocation.

3rd. That the selection of representative fellows from the several Faculties be considered at the annual meeting.

4th. That public exercises of a character which, at the discretion of the Executive, may be varied from time to time, form a portion of the proceedings at each annual gathering.

An adjourned meeting was held June 23rd, for the purpose of electing Officers, when the following gentlemen were elected:

*President.*—R. A. Ramsay, M.A., B.C.L.

*Vice-Presidents.*—J. J. McLaren, B.C.L.; George Ross, M.A., M.D.; Rev. R. Laing, M.A.

*Council.*—D. McMaster, B.C.L.; E. Holton, B.C.L.; J. S. Hall, B.A., B.C.L.; F. W. Kelly, B.A., Ph.D.; Geo. A. Baynes, M.D.; Francis J. Shepherd, M.D.

*Treasurer.*—C. H. McLeod, B.A.Sc.

*Secretary.*—Wm. Osler, M.D.

## PERSONALS.

'74, W. Molson, M.D., has taken up his residence in Philip's Square

'76, W. Smith, M.D., Cathcart Street.

'76, We are pleased to hear that R. L. Macdonnell, B.A., M.D., has been appointed Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy, but is at present studying at St. Thomas, London, E.

'74, W. B. Dawson, B.A., has again returned to Paris, for the winter.

'74, Mr. Chandler, B.A., is at present superintending the Observatory

'74, Mr. J. J. Frothingham, B.A.Sc., is studying Medicine.

## EXCHANGES.

Received.—*Cornell Review*, *Cornell Era*, *Harvard Advocate*, *Dartmouth Central Collegian*, *Tufts Collegian*, *College Mercury*.

The *Central Collegian*, in its opening editorial has a highly suspicious remark about "an almost entire change of students every year", which, if true, certainly speaks well for the College.

The *Cornell Review* contains some very good articles, and altogether is one of our best exchanges.

In the *Cornell Era*, too much space is taken up by hits at Freshmen, and somewhat pointless anecdotes intended to be funny.

Tufts contains a fair article on "Influence of Nature;" also a political editorial, with regard to the latter, of which we, as Canadians, hold to Monroe's principal of "non-intervention".

We perfectly agree with the *College Mercury*, that a paper which is printed not to make money, but solely to represent the rights and interests of the students, has a right to demand the support of every member of the College.

"The Cardinal's torch gleams bright from the river,

The gentian has marshalled its forces of blue,

The reeds and the grasses, disdaining their mantle,

In brown and in yellow have dressed them anew."

Is it possible? Has our friend *Dartmouth*, without relinquishing its philosophical platitudes, applied itself to original botanical researches; a new idea,—seeds and grasses have never before been observed performing the duty of *valets de chambre* to the gentian and cardinal's torch. We do not mean this as a reflection on our contemporary itself, but feel compelled to censure idiocy, even when it manifests itself in the columns of so well-conducted a paper.



## THE FRESHMAN CLASSES.

These are unusually large this year, and on the whole promise very well indeed. We append a list of their names and residences, by way of introduction.

## MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Name	Residence
John A. McArthur, -	Pakenham, Ont.
George H. Groves, -	Carp, "
Thos. L. Brown, -	Ottawa, "
H. B. Small, -	" "
E. A. McGannon, -	Prescott, "
Thos. Gray, -	Brucefield, "
S. H. Sneider, -	Niagara, "
R. R. Teller, -	Simcoe, "
B. L. Riordam, -	Port Hope, "
S. D. Holcomb, -	Pelham, "
D. G. Inksetter, -	Copetown, Ont.
F. W. Pullford, -	Windsor, "
G. C. Brown, -	Boston, Mass.
J. J. Frothingham, -	Montreal, Que.
W. DeMoulipe, -	Nicolet, "
Fred. W. Church, -	Alymer, "
John J. R. Church, -	" "
R. C. McCorkill, -	West Farnham, Que.
H. E. Poole, -	Wakefield, "
R. J. Mass, -	Negaunee, Mich., U.S.
W. R. Dulmage, -	Smith's Falls, Ont.
J. O. Stewart, -	Cazaville, Que.
Geo. Dibble, -	St. Stephen, New Brunswick.
C. G. Glass, -	Montreal, Que.
D. K. Cowley, -	Ottawa, Ont.
W. McEachran, -	Montreal, Que.
A. Ruttan, -	Napanee, Ont.
W. R. Prime, -	Knowlton, Que.
F. W. Prime, -	" "
M. McNulty, -	Iroquois, Ont.
J. M. Lefevre, -	Brockville, "
R. Spencer, -	Montreal, Que.
L. D. Mignault, -	" "
James Cahalan, -	Wiandotte, Mich., U. S.
T. W. Service, -	Iroquois, Ont.
E. Smith, -	Montreal, Que.

And others whose names we have not been able to ascertain.

## ARTS.

Name	Residence
J. C. Alguire, -	Cornwall, Ont.
S. T. Ami, -	Ottawa, "
D. Currie, -	Crivan, "
W. A. McKenzie, -	McDonald's Corners, Ont.
F. M. Cole, -	Montreal, Que.
S. W. Hutton, -	Ottawa, Ont.
R. A. Klock, -	Aylmer, Que.
W. R. Robertson, -	Montreal, "
H. O'Heir, -	" "
C. E. Pillsbury, -	Augusta, Me.
A. S. MacPherson, -	Montreal, Que.
J. H. Darey, -	" "
J. U. C. Muir, -	" "
A. L. Gurtin, -	Acton Vale, "
C. W. Sriver, -	Hemmingford, "
S. O. Carriere, -	Belle Riviere, "
G. D. Bayne, -	Ottawa, Ont.
C. Raynes, -	Montreal, Que.
H. J. Bull, -	" "
J. A. Gowanloch, -	Chatham, "
C. E. Black, -	Granby, "
A. Ogilvie, -	North Georgetown, Que.
S. T. Roberts, -	Montreal, Que.
R. C. Lockhart, -	Durham, "
T. E. Cunningham, -	Montreal, "
H. McIntyre, -	Manilla, Ont.
A. York, -	Metcalfe, "
A. Anderson, -	Billing's Bridge, Ont.
V. Larviere, -	Roxton Falls, Que.
P. T. Lafleur, -	Montreal, "
J. A. Craig, -	Fitzroy Harbor, Ont.

## SCIENCE.

Name	Residence
R. Foster, -	Montreal, Que.
W. T. Skaife, -	" "
M. A. Brown, -	London, Ont.
H. Robertson, -	Halifax, N.S.
W. F. Robertson, -	Montreal, Que.
W. H. Smith, -	Yarmouth, N.S.
- Dudderidge, -	Lachute, Que.
R. Evans, -	Ottawa, Ont.

## ITEMS.

Students find the new reading room very cold as yet.

Med. Footing Supper comes off on Friday, 27th of October.

The Founders' Festival is to come off on Friday, 10th of November.

Blanket tossing is getting to be a favorite amusement at the Gymnasium.

Punch says:—"Ladies' hair is generally in inverse proportion to their brains."

The revivalistic spirit now goes by the appellation of "highly stimulating evangelical cayenne."

A base-ball match is being arranged between "Saints and Sinners," (i. e. Meds. and Theologs.)

The Freshmen Classes are unusually large this year. We publish their names and residences in this number.

Class of '79, Arts and Sciences, is the only one that has appointed its officers, as yet. They are Messrs. H. H. Wood and J. F. Sriver.

Considerable changes have been made in the Arts and Sciences timetables this year, causing much trouble and confusion, but to all appearances we are settled at last.

Freshman No. 1.—"I say, have you noticed that when Prof. — comes in, he always warms his hands before going to his room?"

No. 2.—"Warms his hands? Where?"

No. 1.—"Why over the re-re-re-refrigerator to be sure!"

The younger students of the various faculties should attend the meetings of the University Literary Society, and we promise them much benefit if they do so. The notices give the business as "re-organization," but if greater interest is not shown in the Society, the business will soon be "disorganization."

Prof.—"Is it Mr. Blank I see without his gown?"

B.—"Yes, sir."

Prof.—"Where is your gown, Mr. B.?"

B.—"Not here, sir."

Prof.—"That's obvious."

Prof. Armstrong, late Professor of Engineering in McGill, has accepted a position in Leeds, Yorkshire, E. His place will be supplied by Mr. Ernest Harris, who has lately been connected with the Intercolonial Railway. We understand, however, that Mr. Harris's engagement is merely for the winter.

Here is Mark Twain's way of saying, "Accidents will happen in even the best regulated families."—"It is believed by many honest and right-feeling, though possibly mistaken men—though more or less might be weightily said both for and against the proposition—that infelicitous conjunctions of cause and effect will eventuate even in fireside circles, accustomed to the most exact, exhaustive, elaborate and usufruct systems of domestic dominion!"

A third year wag had some fun in the vacation. While staying at a small country place, he noticed a flock of geese in front of the hotel. Happening to have some crab-apples in his pocket, a luminous idea struck him; tying threads to the stalks of four crabs, and knotting the loose ends together, he flung the bunch on the ground before the geese. Four of them swallowed each a crab, and then the flock in general held an indignation meeting, and third year retreated into the hotel in an embryonic apoplectic fit.

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